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2. Statement of Limited Recognition Under 37 C.F.R. §10.9(b); and
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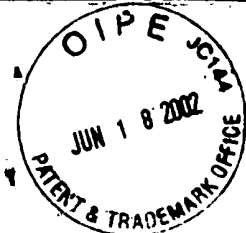
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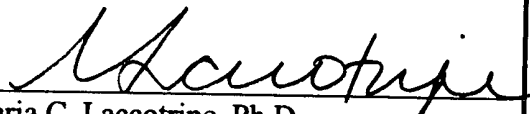
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 7, 2002 (Paper No. 7).

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the inventions set forth in Groups A-A33 of the instant Office Action.

Applicants hereby elect the Group A invention (claims 1-26) for prosecution in this application, *without traverse*. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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